GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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CHANGE IN SPECIFICATION OF PARYTE MATERIAL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation changed the specification of one of the material known as "Paryte' used in drilling fluid in last 3-4 years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) and (b) Yes Sir. Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) purchases the item called 'Barytes'.
Prior to 2005, ONGC was having 2 specifications for Barytes i.e. Grade-I with 4.10 Specific Gravity (Sp. Gr) and Grade-II with 4.20 Sp. Gr. However considering the high cost of Grade-II Barytes, ONGC has been procuring Grade-I Barytes only, for 4-5 years till 2004. Considering various factors like availability of item, cost as well the problem of impurities, it was decided by ONGC in June 2005 to revise the specifications from 4.10 Sp. Gr to 4.15 Sp. Gr.